Financial assistance for setting up of industries in rural area by K.V.I.C.

*277. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of financial assistance in the form of loans provided by the Khadi and Village Industries Commission during the years 1988-89 and 1989-90 to the Cooperative Societies|Institutions|Individuals for setting up of industries in the rural areas;

(b) how many industries have so far been set up and have started their production with this assistance;

(c) what is the value of production made by them during this period; and

(d) whether the repayment of the loan is regular; if not, what action is being taken by the KVIC in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) KVIC disbursed the following amount of financial assistance in the form of loans for setting up industries in the rural areas:—

1988-89	Rs. 8293.52 lakhs
1989-90	Not available.

(b) KVIC extends financial assistance for the promotion and development of industries as per list enclosed at Annexure [See Appendix CLIV, Annexure No. 62]

(c) Value of production of Khadi and village industries during 1988-89 stood at Rs. 1678.74 crores.

(d) No, Sir. KVIC takes necessary legal action against the defaulting units for effecting recovery of the loans.

Distribution of oil refinery products by private sector

*278. DR. BAPU KALDATE:

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for allowing private sector to distribute oil refinery products; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) and (b) Currently the private sector is involved in the retail distribution of petroleum products. As a part of the finalisation of the 8th Five Year Plan, possibilities of enlarging the involvement of the private sector in marketing and distribution of petroleum products are being explored. Details are yet to be worked out.

Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemical Project

*279. SHRI J. P. JAVALI Will the Ministers of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemical Project proposal is pending before the Public Investment Board for final decision; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken for early clearance and implementation of the project?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During appraisal of the project, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited has been asked to asses the desirability of delinking petrochemical project, and of setting up a refinery of 6 MTPA capacity or creation of such a capatcity in two steps,

starting initially with 3 MTPA in the first stage. The clearance of the project can be expedited only after this assessment has been made.

प्रपूज भेषजों की कमी

*230. डा. जितेन्द्र कुमार जैन :

श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या पेट्रोलियम और रसायन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 3 मई, 1990 के फाइनेंसियल एक्सप्रेस में वाईटल बल्क ड्रग्स सार्टेज बिलाइज रोजी स्टेटिस्टिक्स" शीर्षक के अन्तर्गत प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) इस कमी को पूरा करने के लिये सरकार द्वारा क्या ठोस कदम उठाये गये हैं ?

पेट्रोलियम और रसायन मंत्री (श्री एम० एस० गुरुपादस्वामी) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) और (ग) : तपेदिक-रोधी औषधों के मामले में पुरानी औषधों के स्थान पर अधिक नई औषधों को शुरू करने के बारे में समाचार में कोई उल्लेख नहीं किया गया हैं । एंटिबायोटिक्स के मामले में उत्पादन प्रचुर मात्रा में हो रहा है और बड़ी मात्रा में निर्यात भी किया जा रहा है । जिन लक्ष्यों से तुलना की गई है उसमें बहुत अंतराल था । दूसरी बात यह है कि आंकड़ों में लघु क्षेत्र का उत्पादन शामिल नहीं है । बड़ी मात्रा में खास-तौर पर एम्पिसिलिन/एमोक्सिलिन, क्लोरोकेमिकोल आदि का उत्पादन लघु क्षेत्रों द्वारा किया जा रहा है । विटामिन "ए" के मामले में जरूरतों को पूरा करने के लिये उत्पादन पर्याप्त नहीं है, अत: आयात की उदारतापूर्वक अनुमति दी जा रही है । लेख में उल्लिखित औषधों की कोई कमी नहीं रही है ।

Prices of Jumbo Rolls imported by Hindustan Photo Film Manufacturing Company Limited

@1191. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the prices at which Jumbo Rolls of Medical X-Ray Films and Graphic Art Films were imported by various units during 1988 and 1989;

(b) whether it is a fact that HPF is importing Jumbo Rolls of X-Ray Films and Graphic Art Films from Du pont, USA at prices over 35 per cent as compared to other Importers in India; and

(c) if so, what is the Justification for imports by HPF at such high prices and wasting country's foreign exchange particularly considering the fact that the HPF has remitted more than 80 crore rupees by way of technology fees to the same party?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) to (c) The prices of different brands of photographic products are not comparable, as different brands command different prices in the international market depending upon the quality of the products, market preference etc. HPF has imported jumbo rolls of Medical X-Ray films and Graphic art films from M|s. Du Pont as follows:—

(Price in US $|SQM)

	1988	1989
Medical X-ray	4.768	5.249
Graphic Arts film	3.39	3.635

HPF is setting up facilities for integrated manufacture of Polyester Based Medical X-ray, Industrial X-ray and Graphic Art films in technical collaboration with M|s. Du Pont, USA. A lumpsum know-how fee is payable to M/s. Du Pont of US $ 46.45 Million (Net of taxes). The project is scheduled for completion by October, 1991.

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